

[No Report.]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 4, 1861.

Read twice, ordered to be printed, and recommitted.

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Mr. CARTER, from the Committee for the District of Columbia,  
reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To amend "An act to incorporate the Columbia Institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind," and to make an appropriation for the benefit thereof.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the number of directors of the Columbia Institution for  
4 the instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind shall here-  
5 after be seven, five of whom shall be elected by those who have  
6 contributed or may contribute funds in aid of this institution,  
7 one vote being allowed for each twenty-five dollars so contrib-  
8 uted, and the other two directors shall be appointed by the  
9 President, by and with the concurrence of the Senate.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the directors shall  
2 hold their offices for four years, and until their successors shall

3 be elected or appointed: *Provided*, That the board may fill  
4 any vacancies occurring among those elected by the contrib-  
5 utors. The board of directors shall choose a president, secre-  
6 tary, and treasurer, who shall also hold their offices for four  
7 years, and until their successors shall be elected.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the board of  
2 directors shall have power to adopt such regulations for the  
3 government of said institution and the management of its affairs  
4 as to them may be deemed expedient, not inconsistent with law  
5 or the Constitution of the United States.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ——  
2 dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of  
3 any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the  
4 purchase of lands and the erection, furnishing, and fitting up  
5 of suitable buildings for said institution: *Provided*, That it  
6 shall be optional for the board of directors, both of the gov-  
7 ernment directors concurring, to purchase lands adjacent to  
8 the lot now owned by the institution, and erect suitable build-  
9 ings thereon, or to sell said lot, with the improvements thereon,  
10 and apply the proceeds, in aid of the foregoing appropriation,  
11 to the purchase of lands and the erection of suitable buildings  
12 elsewhere within the District of Columbia.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all real estate  
2 acquired or buildings erected for the use and benefit of said  
3 institution, in pursuance of acts of Congress appropriating

4 money for the purchase or construction thereof, shall be con-  
5 veyed to, and held in, the name of the United States.

1       SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the superin-  
2 tendent shall be the responsible disbursing agent of said insti-  
3 tution; he shall give bond for the faithful performance of his  
4 duties in such sum and with such securities as may be required  
5 by the Secretary of the Interior; and he shall render his accounts  
6 quarterly to the proper accounting officer of the Treasury De-  
7 partment.

1       SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all appropria-  
2 tions of money by Congress for the benefit of said institution  
3 shall be drawn from the treasury on the requisition of the Sec-  
4 retary of the Interior, and shall be disbursed and accounted for  
5 in all respects according to the laws regulating the ordinary  
6 disbursements of public money.

1       SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the property of  
2 said institution shall be exempt from taxation by the authori-  
3 ties of the District of Columbia.